

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 100, 101, 105, 106 and 109 will remain pending in the application. Claims 1-99, 102-104, 107-108 and 110-119 have been canceled. Allowance of all pending claims in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of June 25, 2004, the Examiner set forth a number of grounds for objection and rejection. These grounds are addressed individually and in detail below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Written description

Claims 92-94 and 98-99 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of written description support in the originally filed specification for reasons set forth on page 2 of the Outstanding Office Action and pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action of 1/28/04.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled Claims 92-94 and 98-99 in this amendment. Rejections to these claims are now moot.

Enablement

Claims 92-94 and 98-99 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Outstanding Office Action and pages 4-6 of the Office Action of 1/28/04.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. In order to expedite prosecution, Claims 92-94 and 98-99 have been canceled by this amendment. Rejections to these claims are now moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 92-94 and 98-99 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Outstanding Office Action.

Claims 92-94 and 98-99 have been canceled by this amendment. Rejections to these claims are now moot.

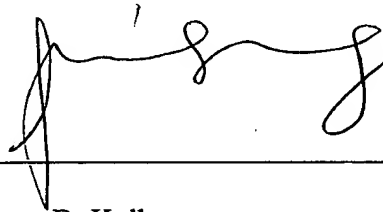
CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Ping Wang, M.D. (Reg. No. 48,328) at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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